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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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February 17, 1953

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Miss Mary W. Oliver, President
Carolinas Chapter, A.A.L.L.
School of Law
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mary:

Though I realize that my late answer to your informative letter of January 29 can scarcely be of any use to you at this point, I still would like you to know that my failure to answer was due to one of those busy "flurries" that occasionally happens. Not only have I had three new assistants to break in but also a part-time assistant librarian. I hope you will forgive this neglect.

The situation in regard to the formation of a Southeastern chapter of the A.A.L.L. and the idea of dual affiliation with the A.A.L.L. and the A.A.L.S. presents problems that I feel that we would do well to consider thoroughly before making the step. From the explanation given in your letter, it seems that you have outlined a plan for just such thorough consideration. I am heartily in favor of making every effort to surmount whatever obstacles face us or to solve whatever problems it might present. I say this because it is my feeling that a Southeastern regional group having some connection with the Southeastern group of the A.A.L.S. would be able to accomplish more for more members than is possible under our present small coverage.

I may be wrong in the statement I am about to make, but it is my feeling that if the law librarians could in some manner have a place, whether it is called official or otherwise, in the makeup of the A.A.L.S., that it would accomplish a great deal for us as individual members as well as for our regional group and the national association.

As to the question of whether the Southeastern region is too large geographically to support the chapter and whether the regional meetings would reduce the number able to attend annual meetings of the A.A.L.L., I do not think that we have a problem. It is my personal opinion that the Southeastern region can not only support a chapter but very likely a strong one. It is possible that an active Southeastern chapter might serve to encourage attendance at annual meetings.

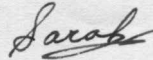
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I doubt seriously if any of my expressions will be of any assistance to you in solving the problem of whether we shall or shall not form a regional group, but for what it is worth I would like to sum it up by stating that such a group would, in my opinion, lend strength to all Southeastern Law Librarians, individually and as national members. On the other hand, I feel as you do that the program should be reconsidered and, as I stated, thoroughly explored from every angle before we make an attempt to organize such a group. Again, forgive me for my late answer.

We certainly enjoyed the meeting at Chapel Hill in December. It seemed as though it had been such a long time since I had been with you all, and I can readily say that it is most helpful to me to discuss problems with you and to enjoy your company.

With kindest personal regards to you and to Miss Elliott, I am

Sincerely yours,



Sarah Leverette
Law Librarian

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